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The Children's Home Society of New Jersey's North & South Ward Family Success Centers Host "Sports With My Hero" Event in Celebration of Active Father-Figures



A father and son prepare for the potato sack race at CHSofNJ's North & South Ward Family Success Centers' "Sports With My Hero" event.

Trenton, NJ (August 13, 2014) – As part of the agency's ongoing commitment to fatherhood enrichment and the celebration of active, involved father-figures, The Children's Home Society of New Jersey (CHSofNJ) hosted "Sports With My Hero" on Saturday, August 2, 2014. The event, originally planned for Lawrence Veteran's Park in Lawrenceville was moved to the CHSofNJ's Trenton office at 635 S. Clinton Avenue due to inclement weather.

The rain may have soaked the ground, but it surely did not dampen the spirits of the children and fourteen loving father figures who attended. Guests played tug of war and participated in potato sack races, three-legged races, watermelon eating contests and other fun activities. Following a delicious lunch, many were excited to win some of the day's raffle prizes. The grand prize however, was available to all who attended; CHSofNJ children and families spent a wonderful day together making beautiful memories that they will cherish for a lifetime.

This is the second year CHSofNJ's North and South Ward Family Success Centers (NWFSC, SWFSC, respectively), have come together to host "*Sports With My Hero.*" This year's event was a result of the vision and detailed planning of SWFSC Family Support Specialist Ashley Gonzalez, and NWFSC Senior Family Support Specialist Aniela Brzoza. "CHSofNJ and our Family Success Centers (FSCs) strongly support and encourage active father-figures within our community. We are always excited when an opportunity arises to recognize these men in front of a large crowd," said Gonzalez. "We hope that they will inspire their peers to step up and be involved in a child's life as well," continued Brzoza.

About The Children's Home Society of New Jersey

The Children's Home Society of New Jersey is a nonprofit child and family serving agency whose mission is to save children's lives and build healthy families. Founded in 1894, the agency protects abused or neglected infants and at-risk children by insuring stable, permanent, and loving homes for each and every child it serves. All services are confidential and most are free. For more information, visit our website at www.chsofnj.org.

About The CHSofNJ South Ward Family Success Center

CHSofNJ's South Ward Family Success Center (SWFSC) is located at 635 S. Clinton Avenue in Trenton. The SWFSC is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, and on Wednesday from 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Services available to participants include fatherhood enrichment programs, parental support groups, job readiness and life skills education, parent child and parent education activities, concrete goods donations, and much more! For more information, call 609-695-6274 or visit our website at www.chsofnj.org.

About The CHSofNJ North Ward Family Success Center

CHSofNJ's North Ward Family Success Center (NWFSC) is located at 1554 Princeton Avenue Trenton. The NWFSC is open Monday from 9:00AM – 8:00PM, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00AM – 7:00PM, and Friday from 9:00AM – 5:00PM. Services available to participants include fatherhood enrichment programs, parental support groups, job readiness and life skills education, parent child and parent education activities, concrete goods donations, and much more! For more information, call 609-393-2980 or visit our website at www.chsofnj.org.

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